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THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY WASHINGTON, D.C.

April 4, 1989

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The Honorable William H. Webster Director, Central Intelligence Agency Washington, DC 20505

Dear Judge Webster:

I appreciate your letter of March 3, 1989, regarding my confirmation.

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There are formidable challenges facing the Department of Energy, many of which can benefit greatly from foreign intelligence inputs. Thus, while seeking a more significant role in the intelligence community, I will also be looking to expand the use of intelligence in the formulation of Departmental policies.

We are already making good use of intelligence in such areas as the provision of uranium enrichment services, the Soviet nuclear weapons complex and international marketing of fossil fuels. But more can be done. For example, such topics as foreign nuclear waste practices lends itself to intelligence collection and analysis.

My intelligence staff will be working with the intelligence community to help me in this regard, while at the same time insuring that the unique technical and analytical skills of the Department are made available to the community. I look forward to improving the relationship.

Sincerely,

James D. Watkins Admiral, U.S. Navy (Retired)